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FAIRY CHASE TEACHER'S GUIDE

Book Summary:

Echo learns that there may be real fairies near Trident City and she is determined to catch one, no matter what!

Meet the author:

Debbie Dadey is a former school librarian and first grade teacher. She is the author and co-author of 166 children's books, including *The Mermaid Tales* and *The Adventures of the Bailey School Kids* series..



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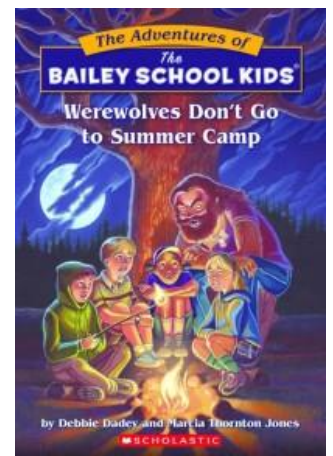


One of Debbie's other books is Werewolves Don't Go To Summer Camp, which she wrote with Marcia Jones. Find out more about Debbie and her stories at

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You can also find Debbie on Twitter and Pinterest. Invite her to visit your school today! As an Author for Earth Day, she will donate a portion of her honorarium to the Earth Day cause of your school's choice. Kids can write to Debbie on the Kids Talk page of www.debbiedadey.com.



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DEBBIE DADEY BOOKLIST

Here is a partial list of books by Debbie Dadey. For a complete list of titles visit www.debbiedadey.com Other books in the Mermaid Tales series from Simon and Schuster include (also available in hardback and digital):

Trouble at Trident Academy ISBN-13: 978-1442429802

Battle of the Best Friends ISBN-13: 978-1442429826

A Whale of a Tale ISBN-13: 978-1442429840

Danger in the Deep Blue Sea ISBN-13: 978-1442429864

The Lost Princess ISBN-13: 978-1442482579

The Secret Sea Horse ISBN-13: 978-1442482609

Dream of the Blue Turtle ISBN-13: 978-1442482630

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Twist and Shout ISBN-13: 978-1481440783-

Books vs Looks ISBN-13: 978-1481440813

Flower Girl Dreams ISBN-13: 978-1481440851

Ready, Set, Goal! ISBN-13: 978-1481487085



Pre-reading activities: Before reading **Fairy Chase** complete some or all of the activities below to peak interest in the story, as well as to increase comprehension, reading, and predicting skills.

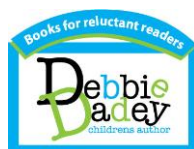
1. Tell students that a place called the Skeleton Coast is discussed in their new book. Where is it and why is it called the Skeleton Coast? Give students enough time to research the answer or research it together.
2. Show students the cover and ask them to guess what this story is about. Can they figure out how the Skeleton Coast might be involved?
3. Tell students that a boy name Rocky and a girl named Echo are two main characters in this story. What do they think Rocky does in the story?

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Pre-reading activity/vocabulary

Chapter 1

complained	glided	entrance
snored	dodging	carvings

Chapters 2 and 3

argument	sulking	legend
muttered	skeleton	generous

Chapters 4 and 5

dessert	excellent	fascinating
patience	favorite	casserole

Chapters 6 and 7

supposed	blanket	frigatebird
entertain	phytoplankton	beadlet anemone

Chapters 8 – 12

yelped	shoulder	concoction	myths	excitement
exaggerate	ingredients	algae	hornwrack	collection
attention	scrunched	definitely	fluttering	argue

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FUN WAYS TO LEARN VOCABULARY WORDS FOR FAIRY CHASE

- Put a small layer of play sand in an old cookie sheet with sides. Let children trace their vocabulary words in the sand for a great tactile experience.
- If your playground has a paved area, let children write their vocabulary words with chalk onto the pavement.
- Have a word race. Call out the word and let students race to find the word in the chapter.
- Let students stand up and spell the words in the air, making them as big as possible.
- Let children make two cards for each word. Shuffle them and place them face down. Students can take turns making ‘matches’. The one with the most matches wins!
- Write the word on a board and spell it with students. Turn the board away and erase a letter. Can the students guess the missing letter?

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Chapter 1/sequence; research

NAME:

DATE:

Put the following events in the correct order using the space below.

1. Rock bumps Echo.
2. Echo is upset.
3. Go to the library to find birds that swim.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Why is Echo upset in chapter one? Would you be upset if the same thing happened to you?

Go to the library or use your classroom resources to find one bird that lives near the sea. Tell us three interesting facts about that bird. Bird's name: _____

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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FAIRY CHASE

Chapter 1/sequence; research

NAME: **answers**

DATE:

Put the following events in the correct order using the space below.

1. Rock bumps Echo.

2. Echo is upset.

3. They go to the library to find birds that swim.

1. _____ **Echo is upset.** _____

2. _____ **Rock bumps Echo.** _____

3. _____ **They go to the library to find birds that swim.** _____

Why is Echo upset in chapter one? Would you be upset if the same thing happened to you?

Echo was upset because she had to give up her bedroom for her aunt and uncle's visit.

Second question-answers will vary.

Go to the library or use your classroom resources to find one bird that lives near the sea. Tell us three interesting facts about that bird. Bird's name: **answers will vary**

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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Chapter 2/idioms/suffix

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Use the surrounded text in chapter two to determine what you think this sentence means:
Echo, stop sulking around. Write what you think it means below.

Echo does not agree with her mother in chapter two. Underline the idiom that describes them. In the space beside each phrase below tell what you think they mean. You may need to do some research or interview adults to get the answers.

1. They do not see eye to eye. _____
2. It is a piece of cake. _____
3. A picture paints a thousand words. _____
4. That's straight from the horse's mouth. _____
5. He stole his friend's thunder. _____

Separate the following words from their suffix in the spaces below. Example: follow/ed

picking putting hopeful needed muttered shocked frowned nodded

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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Chapter 2/idioms/suffix

NAME: **answers**

DATE:

Use the surrounded text in chapter two to determine what you think this sentence means:
Echo, stop sulking around. Write what you think it means below.

Something like: Echo is grouchy.

Echo does not agree with her mother in chapter two. Underline the idiom that describes them. In the space beside each, tell what you think they mean. You may need to do some research or interview adults to get the answers.

1. They do not see eye to eye. **They do not agree.**
2. It is a piece of cake. **It is easy.**
3. A picture paints a thousand words. **A picture is easier to understand.**
4. That's straight from the horse's mouth. **Something from the source or origin.**
5. He stole his friend's thunder. **He took credit for something his friend did.**

Separate the following words from their suffix in the spaces below. Example: follow/ed

picking putting hopeful needed muttered shocked frowned nodded

1. _____ **pick/ing**
2. _____ **put/ing**
3. _____ **hope/ful**
4. _____ **need/ed**
5. _____ **mutter/ed**
6. _____ **shock/ed**
7. _____ **frown/ed**
8. _____ **nod/ed**

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FAIRY CHASE

Chapter 3/folktales, myths, and legends

NAME:

DATE:

In the story, Fairy Chase, there is a legend about a Hairy Fairy. The illustrator drew a picture of what the Hairy Fairy might look like on the cover. Now it is your turn. Make up your own fairy, describe that fairy, and draw your own picture of that fairy on the back. It can be a sweet, silly, scary, or funny fairy!

Fairy's name:

What does my fairy like to do:

Name two interesting things about my fairy:

1. _____
2. _____

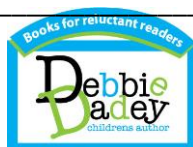
Is my fairy kind or tricky? _____

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Bonus: Write a compound sentence: _____

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Chapter 4/legends;research (videos will vary)

NAME:

DATE:

There are many legends of hidden or lost treasures. The Skeleton Coast is a place where many treasures may have been lost. Can you find another legend of lost treasure? Maybe even one near where you live? Make your own short video telling about the treasure and present it to your class. (You may also make up a treasure if your teacher agrees). Use the form below to plan your video. Powerpoint will make a simple version or use your favorite program for awesome results.

Video name: _____

Summary of my legend:

What will I have on each frame (each picture of the video). Use the back if necessary.

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FAIRY CHASE

Chapter 5/geography

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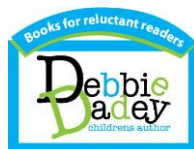
DATE:

The treasure of William Kidd may just be hidden somewhere among the shipwrecks and whale bones of the Skeleton Coast. Use your research skills to locate the Skeleton Coast and color it bright red. Pick one country from the continent of Africa and color it blue. On the back write five interesting facts about that country.



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Chapter 5/geography

NAME: *answers/answers will vary on last two sentences*

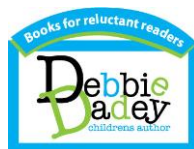
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Chapter 6/addition and multiplication

NAME:

DATE:

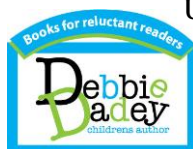
Aunt Crabella shopped at Merlins, but today you must go to get items to eat for our evening meal. You will need to get two vegetables, fruit, bread, seasoning, and meat or fish. Make sure you get enough for four people with your 24 clams.



Write your menu here:

How much did your spend? _____

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Use the back if needed/answers will vary.

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FAIRY CHASE

Chapter 7/power of the written word

NAME:

DATE:

Aunt Crabella said that writing is a powerful way to share a message. Find three examples in history of when a book or some type of writing has changed the world. Name the author of each, if possible.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Now, select something that you think is important-perhaps it is the treatment of animals or protecting our planet. Use your own writing to share your message and what you think should be done. You may even want to share your words with your local newspaper. Use the back if needed.

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answers will vary

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FAIRY CHASE

Chapter 8/art history

NAME:

DATE:

Before cameras were invented, artists drew or painted pictures of people so they could be remembered in the future. It was also a way of honoring the person. These pictures are called portraits. Some portraits have become very famous. Use your research skills to find three famous portraits. Use the space below to write the person painted and the artist who did the work. You'll get extra credit if you give the year it was done.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Now, select your favorite artist from the ones above and find the names of two other paintings that he or she completed. Use the back to draw a portrait of yourself or a famous person.

1. _____

2. _____

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FAIRY CHASE

Chapter 9/measuring

NAME:

DATE:

Rocky shared his mother's recipe for stinky Fairy Juice. In the space below share a recipe from your family or one that you think you would like from a cookbook or online source. Be careful to list the ingredients correctly or you might have a stinky mess! Use the back if necessary. If possible, make and share!

Name of recipe: _____

Ingredients:

Directions:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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FAIRY CHASE

Chapter 10/comprehension

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

If you've ever been somewhere a skunk has sprayed you'll know how awful it smells. The African striped polecat is believed to be even stinker than a skunk! And the lesser anteater's foul scent is believed to be four to seven times worse than a skunk's. The bombardier beetle shoots hot stinky liquid out it's rear.

Those creatures use a spray to defend themselves against enemies, but for a few weeks a year the bull elephant dribbles up to twenty buckets of urine a year. The stench is so potent, it can be smelled half a mile away! The sloth reeks because mold, algae, beetles, mites, and mites live in it's fur. The shy wolverine's odour is so horrible, it is nicknamed the skunk bear. Maybe skunks aren't so bad after all!

In the space below, name three creatures that use smell to defend themselves.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The corpse flower has been nicknamed the worse smelling flower in the world. Luckily, it only blooms every 4-6 years. Why do you think it stinks?

Find another plant or animal that stinks. Tell why you think it has a strong smell.

Name something that you hate to smell. _____

Name something that you love to smell. _____

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FAIRY CHASE

Chapter 10/comprehension/research

NAME: **answers**

DATE:

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In the space below, name three creatures that use their smell to defend themselves.

1. _____ **Answers could include skunk, polecat, anteater, and bombardier beetle.**
2. _____
3. _____

The corpse flower has been nicknamed the worse smelling flower in the world. Luckily, it only blooms every 4-6 years. Why do you think it stinks? **Answer could include defending itself.**

Find another plant or animal that stinks. Tell why you think it has a strong smell.

Answers will vary; could include defending itself.

Name something that you hate to smell. _____ **Answer will vary.**

Name something that you love to smell. _____ **Answer will vary.**

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FAIRY CHASE

Chapter 11/art

NAME:

DATE:

Many people create miniature worlds for a hobby. Some create mini railroads, fairy gardens, or gnome worlds. Think of a mini world you would like to design and create it on paper below. Be sure to include homes and fill the space!

Answers will vary



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Chapter 12/comprehension

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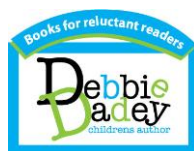
Use what you learned in **Fairy Chase** to answer true or false to the following questions.

1. Diving petrels use their wings to swim. _____
2. Albatrosses and petrels are types of sharks. _____
3. The Skeleton Coast is named after the pirate Rick J. Skeleton. _____
4. Different books give different information. _____
5. Libraries are terrible sources of information. _____
6. Brown pelicans do not dive. _____
7. The white tern is another name for a polar bear. _____
8. Writing is a powerful way to share a message. _____
9. Duck feathers can make soft pillows. _____
10. Humans sometimes use bird poop to grow food. _____
11. Birds are unable to go underneath water. _____
12. It is okay for everyone to have hobbies. _____

If you said false to the last sentence tell why you answered that way on the back of this page.

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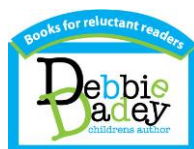
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1. Diving petrels use their wings to swim. _____ true
2. Albatrosses and petrels are types of sharks. _____ false
3. The Skeleton Coast is named after the pirate Rick J. Skeleton. _____ false
4. Different books give different information. _____ true
5. Libraries are terrible sources of information. _____ false
6. Brown pelicans do not dive. _____ false
7. The white tern is another name for a polar bear. _____ false
8. Writing is a powerful way to share a message. _____ true
9. Duck feathers can make soft pillows. _____ true
10. Humans sometimes use bird poop to grow food. _____ true
11. Birds are unable to go underneath water. _____ false
13. It is okay for everyone to have hobbies. **This is an opinion piece; no answer should be counted wrong, but it is an opportunity for discussion if addressed with sensitivity.**

If you said false to the last sentence tell why you answered that way on the back of this page.

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COMPARING AND CONTRASTING STORIES

NAME:

DATE:

Author Debbie Dadey has authored and co-authored 166 traditionally published books. You can find a complete list on her website, www.debbiedadey.com. Select another one of her books and compare it to Fairy Chase in the spaces below.

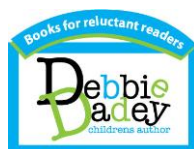
	The book I selected was:
Theme (What is the story's big idea? Or what belief about life is the author trying to convey?)	Theme:
Setting:	Setting:
Plot (In one sentence, what is the story mostly about?):	Plot:
Pick your two favorite characters:	Pick your two favorite characters:

Answers will vary.

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